Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 13, 2017

The Honorable John Koskinen Commissioner Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

We request you extend federal tax return and payment deadlines for all victims in the Presidentially declared disaster in Georgia due to Hurricane Irma.

As you may know, President Donald J. Trump approved Governor Nathan Deal's request on September 7 for a federal disaster declaration in 30 Georgia counties. In the days since, Governor Deal requested that declaration be extended for hazard mitigation and Public Assistance to all 159 counties in Georgia. In addition, he has requested the declaration be extended to include Individual Assistance for six Coastal Georgia counties including Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty, and McIntosh Counties. As our state embarks on the process of recovery, this declaration could well be expanded.

Hurricane Irma brought devastating destruction across the State of Georgia. The state experienced storm surge of up to 11 feet, winds exceeding 60 miles an hour, and 3 Georgians lost their lives. While the full impact of the storm has not been fully realized, the magnitude of flood and wind damage as well as continued power and sewer outages merits immediate relief for the victims of this storm. Excluding those residents of counties not designated for Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ignores the tremendous burdens currently faced by hardworking Georgia families and businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We urge you to allow individuals and businesses affected by this devastating storm to focus their attention on rebuilding their lives rather than meeting these deadlines.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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